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Title: COHERENTLY SHARING ANY FORM OF INSTANT  
SNAPSHOTS SEPARATELY FROM BASE VOLUMES  
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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 22, 2007, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 22, 2007. Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of April 23, 2007, since April 22, 2007 falls on a Sunday. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings** are contained in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 7** of this paper.